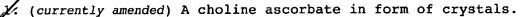
APPENDIX II:

THE AMENDED CLAIMS (clean version):



- 2. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 1, wherein the crystals are free from water of crystallization.
- 3. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 1, having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 $\hbox{\AA}$ in a 2 $\hbox{\Theta}$ X-ray powder diffractogram.
- 4. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 3, having an intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å of at least 0.5.
- 5. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 3, having an intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å of at least 0.4.
- 6. (currently amended) A process for preparing choline ascorbate in form of crystals, which comprises reacting ascorbic acid with triethylamine and ethylene oxide, and carrying out the reaction in a temperature range from -10°C to 40°C.
- 7. (currently amended) The process of claim 6, which is carried out in a water-miscible organic solvent.
- 8. (currently amended) The process of claim 7, wherein the choline ascorbate is crystallized in the solvent used for the reaction.
- 9. (currently amended) A choline ascorbate in form of crystals obtainable by the process defined according to claim 6.
- 1/1. (previously presented) Drugs comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.
- 1/2. (previously presented) Additives in foods, additives in animal feeds or food supplements comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.